GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Pithapuram Municipality – Certain irregularities committed in connection with Old Age, Widow and Handicapped Pensions, Approval of Building Plans and Benami Contracts in private sanitation works etc., in Pithapuram Municipality by Sri K.Venkat Rao, Asst. Engineer and others – Surprise check conducted by the ACB on Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District on 18.04.2007 – Departmental proceedings initiated – Enquiry Conducted – Further action dropped – Orders Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 91 **Dated: 23-01-2018**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P.,Hyderabad, letter Rc.No.22/DES-REG/2007, dated 21.07.2007.
2. G.O.Rt.No.50, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I(2)) Dept., dt.18.01.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.52, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I(2)) Dept., dt.18.01.2010.
4. G.O.Rt.No.53, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I(2)) Dept., dt.18.01.2010.
5. G.O.Rt.No.54, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I(2)) Dept., dt.18.01.2010.
6. From Sri K.Nooka Raju, former Jr. Asst., written statement of defence, dated 25.02.2010.
7. From Sri K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Asst., written statement of defence, dated 03.03.2010.
8. From Sri K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer, written statement of defence, dated 'NIL'.
9. Served Copy dated 20.02.2010 on Sri P.Prabhakara Appa Rao, former Bill Collector.
10. Govt. Memo.No.20729/Vig.I(2)/2007-7, dated 07.07.2010.
11. G.O.Rt.No.779, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I(2) Department, dt. 07.07.2010.
12. G.O.Rt.No. 897, MA & UD (Vig.I(2) Department, dt.02.08.2010
13. G.O.Rt.No.285, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I(2) Department, dt.05.03.2012.
14. From Sri Jitender, IPS., Commissioner of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority, Inquiry Report date 29.10.2012.
15. Government Memo.Nos.20729/Vig.I(2)/2017-12, 14 to 16, dated: 16.04.2013.
16. Served copy on Sri K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Assistant, received through letter Roc.No.1198/2010/C1, dt:02.04.2015 of Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyd.
17. From Sri K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer, written repn., dated: 18.05.2017.

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O R D E R:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain irregularities committed in connection with Old Age, Widow and Handicapped Pensions, Approval of Building Plans and Benami Contracts in private sanitation works etc., by the Staff of Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has reported that, a Surprise Check

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was conducted by the ACB officials on the Pithapuram Municipality on 18.04.2007 and during the Surprise Check, the allegations of misappropriation of Old Age, Widow and Disabled Persons Pensions by the staff of Municipal Office, Pithapuram from April, 2006 to April, 2007 were found. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has therefore, recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer and others of Pithapuram Municipality.

2. Whereas, in the G.Os.2nd to 5th read above, Government have initiated departmental action against the charged officers Sri. K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer and incharge Municipal Commissioner; Sri. K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Asst., Sri. K.Nuka Raju, former Jr. Assistant and Sri. P.Prabhakar Appa Rao, former Bill Collector of Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the AP Civil Services (CCA&) Rules, 1991 by issuing Articles of Charges against them.

3. Whereas, in the references 6th to 8th read above, the charged officers Sri K.Nooka Raju, former Jr. Asst., Sri K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Asst., and Sri K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer have submitted their written statement of defence, denying the charges framed against them.

4. As the explanations submitted by the charged officers are not convincing, in the reference 10th read above, Common enquiry proceedings were issued against Sri. K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer and others of Pithapuram Municipality under Rule 24(2) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 and in the G.Os.11th & 12th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri. S.Bhattacharya, IAS., Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiry Authority to enquire into the charges framed against the above said charged officers and Sri. A.S.R.Krishna Rao, Senior Advocate, Hyderabad was appointed as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority.

5. In the G.O.13th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri. Jitender, IPS., Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority in place of Dr. S.Bhattacharya, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, as he was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2011.

6. In the reference 14th read above, Sri. Jitender, IPS, Commissioner of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report, wherein the Inquiring Authority held that the Charges framed against the above said officials are not proved. Accordingly, in the reference 15th read above, while communicating a copy of the Inquiry Report of the Inquiring Authority, all the Charged Officers were directed to submit their written representations if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, to the Government within (15) days.

7. In the references 16th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad has furnished the served copy

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on Sri. K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Assistant. In the reference 17th read above, the charged officer Sri. K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer has requested to drop further action against him, as the charges framed against him are not proved in the findings of the Inquiring Authority.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter and in the light of findings of Inquiry Authority, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri. K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer and incharge Municipal Commissioner; Sri. K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Asst., Sri. K.Nooka Raju, former Jr. Assistant and Sri. P.Prabhakar Appa Rao, former Bill Collector of Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri. K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer and incharge Municipal Commissioner; Sri. K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Asst., Sri. K.Nooka Raju, former Jr. Assistant and Sri. P.Prabhakar Appa Rao, former Bill Collector of Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District and exonerate them from the charges, as all charges framed against them are not held proved in the Inquiry.

10. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur and the Engineer–in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of Order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri. K.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer and incharge Municipal Commissioner, Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District.
(through Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur)
Sri. K.Durga Hari Mohan, former Jr. Asst., Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District.
Sri. K.Nooka Raju, former Jr. Assistant, Pithapuram Municipality, East Godvari District.
Sri. P.Prabhakar Appa Rao, former Bill Collector Pithapuram Municipality, East Godavari District.
(through Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur)
The Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Principal Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, AP Secretariat.
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SECTION OFFICER